

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of:

Tomihisa TSUCHIYA et al.

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Serial No.: 10/580,311

Group Art Unit: 3747

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Examiner: Arnold Castro

For: COMBUSTION GAS SEAL FOR FUEL

INJECTION VALVE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO MAKE PRIOR ART OF RECORD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed December 15, 2008 in the above-referenced application. Two additional Japanese references were brought to Counsel's attention on February 17, 2009.

The Japanese attorney believes these references are no more pertinent than the references already applied by the Examiner. However, in the abundance of caution, JP 2002-081548 and JP 2002-364494, along with their English abstracts, are enclosed and made of record.

It is understood that this prior art will not be considered by the Examiner but rather will be placed in the file history. It is requested that this transmittal and enclosures be placed in the file for full and complete disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:

Two Japanese References